

# Torrance Herald

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## Torrance, Brooks, Smith, Deiningering Are Elected In Sweeping Victory

### CITY HALL BONDING ISSUE LOSES

Many Fail to Ballot on Proposal; Vote 553 to 297

#### THE VOTE

	Prec. 1 and 3	Prec. 2	Total
Yes	259	294	553
No	153	144	297

Total vote cast—921. Required to carry—614.

Scores of voters yesterday failed to mark their ballots on the proposal to bond for \$100,000 for a new city hall, and the issue was defeated. With a total of 921 votes cast at the election it would have required 614 votes to carry the bonding proposal. The vote stood as follows: Yes, 553; No, 297.

The result shows that only 350, out of the 921 who voted, cast a ballot on the bonds, 71 falling to mark their ballots either way.

Opposition to the bond issue was based on the argument that \$100,000 is too much to spend for a city hall in Torrance at this time.

#### EASTER PARTY

Jean, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Smith, was hostess at a charming Easter party Monday afternoon. Easter games and music afforded amusement for the afternoon. Delicious refreshments were served to the following young guests: Alice and Marion Hodges of Lomita; Dorothy Faulkner, Redondo Beach; Norma Rappaport, Ellen Stanley, Hazel Clark, Veronica McNeill, Edith Corbett, Dorothy Stevenson, Marion McLean, and Ruth Anderson.

#### ENTERTAIN CHILDREN

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kembal of Cota avenue entertained at dinner recently in honor of the thirteenth birthday of their son. The honoree received several very nice gifts.

Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Calkins and daughter Della, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Hunter and son Joseph of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brather of Columbus, O., and the host and hostess and family.

#### HEAR CAPT. DANCEY

Capt. S. N. Dancey was greeted at the Central Evangelical church Sunday morning by a full house, who listened with rapt attention for an hour while the captain brought to them one of his stirring messages on Americanization. Capt. Dancey is resting for a few days following his campaign in the interests of the American Legion nationalization work that he has been carrying on in the San Joaquin valley, where in eight weeks he addressed over 175,000 people on the subject of better citizenship. He and Mrs. Dancey are visiting at Redondo Beach, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Zeller. Mrs. Dancey and Mrs. Zeller are sisters. Captain and Mrs. Dancey leave Wednesday for Monterey for a month's work in that part of the state.

#### TAKES PACKARD SHOE AGENCY

The Hoffman Shoe Store has been selected by the Packard Shoe company to be their representative in Torrance and trading territory for the sale of their shoes.

The Packard shoe is made for men only and is known the world over as being a very high-class shoe. They come in sizes for both men and young men.

### Michael Jessome Instantly Killed As Ladder Falls

Michael Jessome, Gramercy avenue, was instantly killed Monday morning at 11 o'clock when the ten-foot ladder on which he was working at the Consolidated Lumber company's yard fell backward. The victim's head struck the ground a severe blow, fracturing the skull.

Mr. Jessome is survived by a widow and two children.

The body was taken to Stone & Myers' undertaking establishment.

Mr. Jessome had lived in Torrance for about five years. He was 50 years old.

The funeral will be held Friday morning at 9 o'clock at Catholic hall. Interment will be made in Calvary cemetery.

### SOUTHEASTERN WILDCAT WILL BE PRODUCER

Empire Development Co. Well Makes Oil When Swabbed

That the Empire Development company's wildcat well, a half mile south and east of the Southland Petroleum company's Oakley No. 1, the outcrop producer of the field on the east, would be a producing well was determined Monday when it put out a considerable quantity of oil while being swabbed. This well was completed at 3810 feet, and the water string set at 3494, approximately the same depth at which the Oakley well was cemented off.

It was the general belief among production men of the various oil companies who watched the well while it was being swabbed that it would run around 250 barrels and that it would most likely be necessary to put the well on the beam to bring it in.

The Empire well proves up several hundred acres of new territory and makes every foot of the Superior Oil company's holdings east of Normandie avenue look good. The Superior now has nine wells on this big lease, one on production, three drilling, and the rest rigging up. Torrance No. 20, which offsets the Southland Petroleum company's Oakley No. 1 on the south, has set casing at 3480 feet.

The Shell has started its first well on its 25-acre lease just east of Normandie avenue.

#### PASSION WEEK

Passion week will be observed at Central Evangelical church this week in an appropriate manner. There will be preaching service each evening except Monday and Saturday. On Tuesday Rev. C. E. Boyer, pastor of the M. E. church of Inglewood, will preach. On Thursday evening Rev. Leitch, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Moneta, will be the speaker. On Wednesday and Friday evenings the pastor, Mr. Zeller, will speak. There will be good music. The public is invited to attend these meetings in preparation for the Easter. The hour of meeting is 7:30. The Woman's Missionary society will observe their day of prayer by meeting at 6:30 on Thursday evening at the church for a special prayer service, to which all who are interested in missions are invited.

### Hospital Plans Are Taking Form

Martin Rist of San Francisco, architect for the Torrance Hospital association, was in town Saturday on business of the new hospital. Mr. Rist is rapidly maturing plans for a beautiful, practical and enduring hospital building which the city will be very proud of, thanks to the heirs of the J. S. Torrance estate.

### WINNING CANDIDATES THANK PEOPLE AND RENEW PLEDGES



J. S. TORRENCE



R. R. SMITH

We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the confidence expressed in us by the vote of the people of Torrance yesterday. The honor which has been bestowed upon us carries with it a responsibility which we deeply appreciate. As trustees-elect we wish to reiterate the pledges that we made as candidates—that we will, to the best of our ability, serve the people of this city with justice and fair play, exercise the utmost economy in the expenditures of the city's money, and strive to do all in our power to keep this wonderful city of Torrance on the high road to progress and prosperity.

JOHN S. TORRENCE.  
WILLIS M. BROOKS.  
ROBERT J. DEININGER.

(R. R. Smith, also elected, is in Pennsylvania and necessarily could not be present to sign the above statement. He will return to Torrance in a few days.)



W. M. BROOKS



R. J. DEININGER

### Observations

The New Board of City Trustees (Written on Saturday Before Election)—The Old Board's Work

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

THIS is being written on Saturday—two days before the election of Torrance city trustees. So what we say goes, no matter who is elected. The vast majority of citizens in this country think about politics and government matters only at election time. After they have chosen their city, county, state and national representatives, they revert to a menial apathy regarding all governmental matters.

In county, state and national affairs, with the seats of government not easily accessible, this apathy is more or less excusable.

But in city government, especially in a city the size of Torrance, in which city trustees are neighbors, easily reached and communicated with, it is the right and duty of citizens to keep in touch with affairs of the municipality. No man of character wishes to govern this city contrary to the wishes of the people, regardless of how those people stood at election time. Every man of character in office welcomes suggestions and constructive criticism from the electorate. So the time for citizens to make known their wishes on civic matters is before the board of trustees takes action—not afterward.

If the people of Torrance will make known their desires to the board of trustees, the city of Torrance will profit by the resultant legislation. So this is an appeal to the voters of this city, an appeal written before election in the interests of the entire community—an appeal to the highest sense of duty that citizens may have, to work with their board of trustees, regardless of the personnel of that board, to criticize constructively only when criticism is warranted by facts. With such co-operation between the electorate and the board, this splendid community can be welded into a forward-moving unit in which all elements, all groups and all civic organizations shall so share responsibility that resultant action by the board of trustees will reflect the composite opinion of all Torrance.

Let us all stand behind the new board. But when we stand behind them let us support them in all that is reasonable and not pull and haul at their coat-tails in an attempt to drag them down.

THE old board of trustees is retiring. It is well that the public now take stock of what the old board has accomplished during its administration. For it is by the constructive accomplishments that public officers should be judged—not after.

In the long list of the board's constructive work no item stands out with more importance than the reduction of taxes. In 1923 the Torrance tax rate was \$1.22 per \$100 of assessed valuation. It would have been a simple matter to have reduced that ten or fifteen cents.

But the board sharpened its composite pencil and made a 24-cent reduction, bringing the 1924 rate down to 98 cents, about the lowest city tax rate in the entire state of California.

During the administration money has been carefully expended. In 1923 the board built a \$16,000 fire department building and jail, paying the whole bill out of the general fund. During the same year the board bought and paid for two lots at the corner of Cravens and El Prado street, the site for a future city hall. These lots cost \$3100. During the year the board purchased a new fire engine, which is now practically paid for. All of these expenditures were made under the \$1.22 tax rate and without borrowing.

At the same time the board ended the year without having to borrow from the banks. The tax money lasted through—a fact seldom realized in most municipalities.

Under this board several important streets have been paved at the request of property-owners. When the proposed bond issue for the paving of Western avenue failed to poll the required two-thirds vote, the board at the behest of the majority of citizens, acted in accordance with a state law and awarded a contract for the paving under a general assessment. When Western avenue is paved, it will stand as a monument to the accomplishments of the trustees now retiring.

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### CITY GETS 4 1/2 ACRES IN FEE IN SETTLEMENT OF SEWER FARM CASE WITH DOMINGUEZ LAND CORPORATION

Under the terms of an agreement between the city of Torrance and the Dominguez Land corporation, executed Saturday, the land company will deed to the city four and a half acres of land included in the sewer farm and allow the city to utilize a large portion of the property for sewer

farm purposes for ten years, in return for a quit-claim deed to the land by the city.

The agreement is considered by city officials to be exceedingly to the advantage of Torrance. It is certain that the trunk sewer carrying refuse far out to sea will be in operation

within three or four years. When this big sewer is operating the city will have no use for the sewer farm, but will own in fee four and a half acres. It is pointed out that the city never has claimed fee title to the land, but has merely contended that it has a right to use the property for

### Doheny Brings In 1250 Barrel Well In Key Positions

Of the utmost importance to the West Lomita area, Marble No. 24 of the Petroleum Securities company is now on production and is making 1250 barrels of oil of 26 gravity.

This new key producer is located in the southwest corner of the Petroleum Securities Marble property, offsetting Standard's Marble Lease No. 6. It was drilled to 3802 feet. Such a large producer here means much to the entire Standard lease and is considered by operators to indicate that good production may be obtained still further south.

Other new producers number five. The Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil company completed Torrance 37 at 3720 feet for 1000-barrel production. Kettler No. 15, another Santa Fe completion, is making 400 barrels. It is located in the center of the east line of wells on the Kettler lease.

Standard chalked up two small producers. Dominguez No. 2 was put on production after no end of drilling trouble, which included several fishing jobs. Completed at 3844 feet, it is making about 300 barrels of 17.4 gravity oil. It is cutting 4 per cent mud and emulsion, however, and is expected to be a much better well when it cleans out. Kirk No. 5, drilled to 3619 feet, is making about 75 barrels.

E. J. Miley brought in Torrance No. 4, having drilled to 3837 feet. No. 4 is one location south of No. 2, which is producing 600 barrels from 57 feet of oil sand.

### Moose Enjoy Card Party And Smoker

The Loyal Order of Moose lodge of Torrance had a very enjoyable evening at cards and with other entertainment on Friday, April 11, at the Catholic hall on Cota street.

In the card games the winners of the 500 contest were J. Cameron, who received a manicure set, and J. Casper, who received a gold Moose ring. In the pitch game Theodore Parker received a sack of flour, and C. Stone an order for a haircut, shave and tonic.

Honors were awarded to the following: George Hall, a Hendrie tire; W. Whitaker, a silver sugar bowl; P. J. Ganon, pair of shoes; Girard San Torro, Moose ring; M. E. Coker, a silver set.

The new Moose orchestra played, D. San Torro, leader, expects to have 12 players before the next smoker.

Barney Mullen of Los Angeles lodge gave a talk on what the Loyal Order of Moose stands for.

On Friday, April 18, at the Catholic hall, the following class will be initiated: M. E. Coker, Wm. Bath, A. J. Cameron, J. Casper, Henry Olliges, Wm. Miller, F. McBride, Walter Miller, Clifford, John Peterson, F. Wren, E. Hammon, Marshall Wilson, J. Dodds, R. Privozne, Clarence Tyler, Jack Newmon, Milton Myers, Thomas O'Conner, Elmo Shorer, Frank J. Mahanna, Thomas Mann, Chas. Ayres, Chas. Williamson, Beryl Conkel, Howard Scott, Claude Montgomery, P. J. Zannon, Raymond Still, Arthur Miller, Wm. J. Smith, Robt. Cochran, Geo. Davis, Giles Davis, Ralph Sturgis, Ezra Williams, Leslie Guthrie, Floyd Scott, R. E. Cash, Ernest Hatch, Perry Butler, W. E. Cochran, Curt Koy, Chas. Benson, H. F. Ulbright, D. G. Hale, William Bowers, J. W. K. Williams, Leon Cooper, J. B. Nickerson, Geo. Craddock, C. F. Stone, R. A. Fairleigh.

It is expected that the degree team from Los Angeles lodge, No. 134, will put on the work for this initiation. Torrance will have a big lodge by the time the charter closes, and then club rooms will be looked for.

#### ATTEND DANCE

A merry party that enjoyed the Masonic dance at Hermosa Beach last Saturday evening included Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steinbiber, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Poaur, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. George Peckham, Miss Helen Chewing, and George Crowell.

### FOUR WIN ELECTION BY HUGE MARGIN

John S. Torrence Leads Whole Ticket With 664 Votes

#### THE VOTE

FOR LONG TERM			
Candidate	Prec. 1 and 3	Prec. 2	Total
Torrance	317	347	664
Brooks	306	345	651
Smith	313	337	650
Taylor	122	120	242
Steadman	120	121	241
Elmgan	79	81	160

  

FOR SHORT TERM			
Candidate	Prec. 1 and 3	Prec. 2	Total
Deiningering	316	331	647
Klusman	106	120	226

Total vote cast—921.

Citizens of Torrance yesterday cast an overwhelming vote in favor of John S. Torrence, Willis M. Brooks, R. R. Smith and Robert J. Deiningering for city trustees. Torrence, Brooks and Smith were elected to serve for four years and Deiningering was an easy victor over W. T. Klusman for the two-year term.

The four candidates sponsored by the Torrance Progress club polled more than two and a half times as many votes as their highest opponents.

Each precinct returned large majorities in favor of the winners. John S. Torrence led the ticket with 664 votes, but he polled only 17 votes more than Deiningering, indicating the general popularity of the Progress club candidates.

Lee R. Taylor polled the highest vote among the defeated candidates, receiving a total in both precincts of 242 votes.

Every winner received more than two-thirds of the entire vote cast and this proportion was maintained at both precincts.

A total of 921 ballots were cast by voters, out of a total registration of more than 1300.

The fact that the lines of favoritism among the voters were closely drawn is indicated by the fact that most of the votes for the winning candidates were cast straight, ballot after ballot, being marked for Torrence, Brooks, Smith and Deiningering.

The new board of trustees will take office next Monday night. James Fitzhugh is the fifth member of the board, his term not having expired.

R. R. Smith, one of the winning candidates and a member of the present board, was out of the city during all of the campaign. He will return home from his business trip in the east in a few days.

### Ladies' Aid Holds Interesting Meet

A unique party was held Wednesday evening in the Methodist church parlors under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society. At the first of a series, to be held monthly, the co-hostesses were Mrs. Creighton, Mrs. J. W. Brown, Mrs. Tom Jones, Mrs. Comings, Mrs. J. Walter Morris, Miss Brown, and Mrs. Budge Jr., all of whom have a birthday in April.

Dressed in comic costumes, the ladies distributed April Fool favors. A musical program was presented and Easter games enjoyed.

Between sixty and seventy persons enjoyed the evening, at the close of which refreshments of sandwiches and coffee were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeller had as Sunday dinner guests Capt. and Mrs. Dancey; also Miss Mable Synder of Calvary, Alberta, a sister of Mrs. Dancey, and Archie Fellers of Long Beach, a cousin.